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First Named Inventor	Nicholas J. Ede, et al.
Art Unit	1639
Examiner Name	My Chau T. Tran
Attorney Docket No.	66134-0018

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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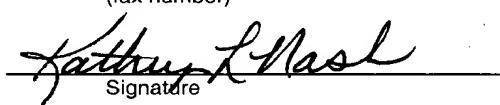
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sirs:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 15, 2003, (Paper No. 12) and the Request For Continued Examination, please amend the above identified application as follows.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS
SPECIFICATION

There are no amendments to the specification.
 Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

CLAIMS

There are no amendments to the claims.
 A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.